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It is critical that the wind energy tax production credit be extended.

I am writing from the point of view of a living in a community of potential buyers of these turbines – that we would LIKE to see continued to be produced in this country.

We all know about the dangers of carbon and global warming; we need to find sources that will not furtherly pollute our air. Wind energy is one of those. HOWEVER, whether or not to continue production and bring big turbines into a community is a big decision for it to make.

Most of the development in wind of course is going in rural communities. Its zoning boards are made up of local volunteers who deeply care about their community but understanding possible repercussions to bringing in new sources of energy take time. And those of us living in rural communities have a sense of right pacing in their lives. And want to do their work carefully.

The problem in our government is that legislation is pushed through so quickly because of the nature of our election system: gotta get this done because the next cycle is appearing and that makes for short circuited discussions and sloppy work.

We need the extension of the tax break because wind sellers are pressuring us to buy NOW before we have done our homework fully and that has meant a lot of work to decide whether or not to bring this form of energy to our rural county. People are not going to want to give up on their tradition of doing good and careful work and it will take at least another year or two for folks to work through the repercussions of these possibilities and alternatives. There is a lot of NIMBY stuff as well as real issues to consider. We would like to

continue the consideration without the outside deadline of having to make a decision before the tax credits end. There is a lot at stake here and lots of potential markets if you had a sense how the process of decision-making works in rural communities. And that it takes time for us to decide whether or not to buy.

It would help tremendously to give folks time to work and talk things through carefully rather than in a desperate and clutched manner. Please extend the tax credit that we might go forth with exploring renewable sources that are affordable in a community-minded, respectful way.....